

THE HUB

MAY 2021

YOUR SOURCE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND SOUTHERN CAYUGA PRESENTED BY THE AURORA FREE LIBRARY

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cayuga County Vaccine Clinics for Residents 18+

As of April 6, everyone 18 and over is eligible for the vaccine and may register on the [Cayuga County Health Department website](#), or contact their local clerk's office for assistance. For example, Village of Aurora residents should contact the Village Office at 315-364-7293. Town of Ledyard residents would contact the Town Hall at 315-364-5707. Please also check the [Village of Aurora website](#) for other updates and information related to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as updated information on village office operations and meetings.

A Village of Aurora Dog Park...What Do You Think?

Should the Village consider building a dog park? If so, where should it be located? What features should be included? Do you have any input you would like to share? Please reach out to auroradogpark@gmail.com with your thoughts, comments, and considerations. The email account is maintained by Jon Gans who will work with the Village Board of Trustees to begin a discussion about building a dog park. Thanks to Village Trustee Grace Bates for supporting this initiative.

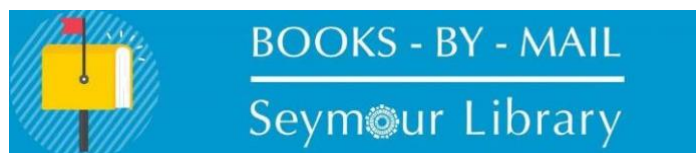
Health Care Navigator @ Hazard Library

- Do you need health insurance?
- Do you need help using the NY State of Health Marketplace?
 - Do you have questions about your health insurance?



You can call 315-255-1703 if you would like to speak to a Health Care Navigator to assist you with your health insurance.

Announcements from the Aurora Free Library



Are you homebound or do you know someone who is and would like library items mailed to their home?
You are eligible for the service if:

1. You have a current library card from a Cayuga County library in good standing
2. You live in Cayuga County
3. You meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Senior citizen non-driver
 - You have a long-term illness or disability that does not allow you to travel to the library
 - You have a short-term illness or disability that does not allow you to travel to the library with recovery lasting at least six weeks

Click on this link <http://seymourlibrary.org/booksbymail/> to find out more and to sign-up or contact the Aurora Free Library at 315-364-8074 or staff@aurorafreelibrary.org for more information.

Did you miss one of the Aurora Free Library's Travel Series Talks recently?

If so, you can now find the past few Travel Series recordings on our aurorafreelibrary.org website under the Programs tab and under Travel Series or by clicking here: <https://aurorafreelibrary.org/travel-series>.

See the Events section for our next Tuesday Travel Series on May 18. If you have a trip you would like to share with our community, please email staff@aurorafreelibrary.org so we can get you on our schedule!

Donate to the King Ferry Food Pantry at the Library!

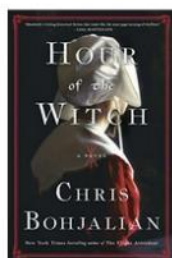
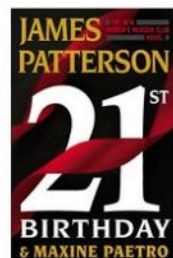
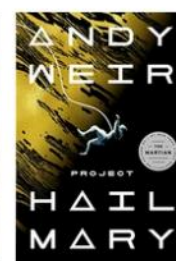
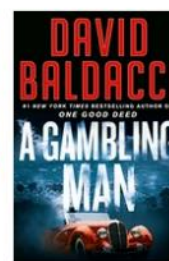
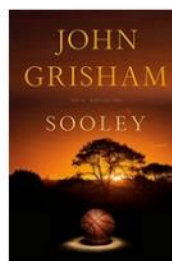
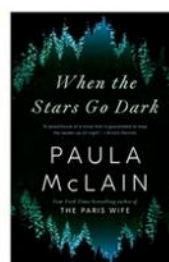
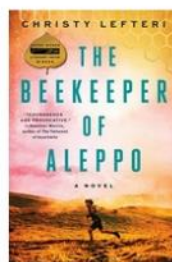
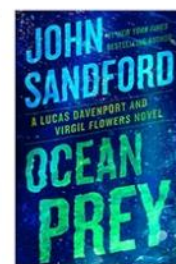
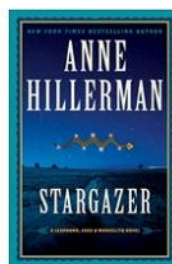
The Aurora Free Library is pleased to announce that it now offers a drop off location for King Ferry Food Pantry food donations during our open hours. The library's current hours are **Mondays and Fridays 3-7 p.m.** and **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



AURORA FREE LIBRARY

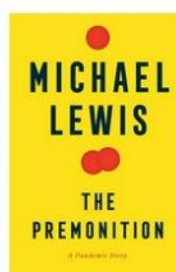
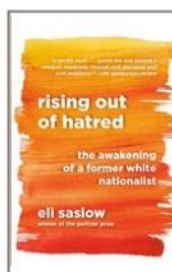
New Adult Fiction

21st Birthday by James Patterson
The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christie Lefteri
Final Twist by Jeffrey Deaver
Fugitive Telemetry by Martha Wells
Gambling Man by David Baldacci
Hail Mary by Andy Weir
Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian
Infinite Country by Patricia Engel
Miss Julia Happily Ever After by Ann B. Ross
Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson
Ocean Prey by John Sandford
People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry
Sooley by John Grisham
Stargazer by Anne Hillerman
That Summer by Jennifer Weiner
When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain



New Adult Non-Fiction

Broken (in the Best Possible Way)
 by Jenny Lawson
The Premonition: A Pandemic Story
 by Michael Lewis
*Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening
 of a Former White Nationalist* by Eli Saslow



Aurora Farmers' Market 2021

Wells College Boathouse Lawn

Market Opens May 29, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The list of the vendors below have confirmed their participation in the Aurora Farmers' Market for the summer of 2021. There will be more vendors, but this list gives you an idea of the wonderful market that is in store for the Aurora Community this summer. Come by, come buy!

- **Amy B.** (Amy Toreia) Hand crafted aprons, jeans jackets with faux fur cuffs, faux fur jackets and vests, tote bags, doll clothes, and more
- **Becker Family Farms** (Lowell and Kendra Becker) Large variety of vegetables, fruits & flowers
- **Dan Hill, Cayuga Nation** Haudenosaunee craft silver and wooden flutes made by the artist
- **Deacon's Garlic Farm** (Dennis Donahue) Garlic and garlic products
- **Gumbeaux Studio** (Kathleen Speck) Handcrafted jewelry by our summer resident from New Orleans
- **Hidden Pasture Farm** (Jess Bodine) Sweet corn and squash
- **Jammin' with Pat** (Pat and Larry Maguet) Jams, jellies, sweet breads, cookies, cakes, pies, and fudge
- **Kennedy Glass Designs, LLC** (Sean and Angela Kennedy) Glass art in many styles, colors, and sizes
- **Mixtape Medicinals** (Jesse Ball) Herbal creams, salves, teas, tinctures, infused syrups, vinegars, and oils
- **Mighty-Micros** (Demecia Lloyd) Microgreens, seedling plants, and herbs
- **One-of-a-Kind Woodworking** (Charles Guy) Unique handcrafted wood products
- **Out of Our Jars** (Alicia Kirk) Special breads, cookies, low sugar jams and jellies, maple syrup, and eggs
- **Out of Our Jars 2** (Willow Marsh/Ana Marsh) Hand-crafted baby items, drawings, paintings, birdhouse gourds, and jewelry
- **San Pedro Sister Community** (Cathy Mullarney/colleagues) Fair trade chocolate bars; coffees, teas, nuts, cocoa; and purses & hammocks from San Pedro, El Salvador artisans
- **Sisters' Sweets** (Kate and Beth Dirks) Pies, breads, cookies, caramel pecan & cinnamon rolls, and more
- **Sonny (Stanley) Kauffman** Varied vegetables, including heirloom and exotic varieties, fruits, and cut flowers
- **Standing Stone Honey Bee Products** (Ronald Woodburn, Jr.) Honey, beeswax candles, soaps, balms, hand crafts; variety of vegetables; and eggs
- **Stewarts Corners Farms, LLC** (Paul/Michelle Paluszewski) Large variety of vegetables, variety of fresh herbs, and maple syrup
- **This Pot's 4 You** (Robert Warren) Handmade stoneware pottery for many uses
- **¡VERDURAS!** (Vic Muñoz/ Ellen Hall) Organic vegetables, fresh herbs, flowers (dahlias), fresh baked organic corn tortillas, and note cards & canvases with original photos
- **Ward's Food Truck** (Scott Ward) Breakfasts and lunches cooked to order on site, signature regular fries and sweet potato fries, coffee, water and more



From Out of Our Jars, by Alicia Kirk, a table of delicious breads and pastries which hints at the abundance to be found at the Aurora Farmers' Market this summer.



Musicians for your shopping entertainment

- **Chris and Silas MacCormick**—string instruments and vocals
- **Greg Speck**—Accordion and vocal (summer resident from New Orleans)

Announcements and Events from United Ministry of Aurora

Monday, May 3 at 4:00 p.m.

The Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project invites the community to view the Syracuse Stage Virtual Performance of *Citizen James, Or The Young Man Without a Country*, a one-man performance on the life of James Baldwin, a young man who goes to Paris to flee racism. The UMA will host a viewing in the Social Room, everyone is welcome to join us.

Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

The community is invited to join Rev. Barb for a conversation on “New Ways of Being Church.” There is a growing need in our nation and in our community for connection, connection with each other, connection with something bigger than ourselves, connection with the sacred and the divine.

In addition to our Sunday morning services, the UMA would like to work with local residents on developing ways to make connections, build community, and develop a fellowship that allows us to support and care for each other as we explore our spirituality. Young adults, teenagers, children, and families are particularly welcome to join us for the conversation.

Know Your Neighbor Series at the United Ministry of Aurora

In keeping with Jesus’s commandment to love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31 and Matthew 22:39), UMA invites the community to our Know Your Neighbor Series of conversations.

Sunday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m.: Peace Tree Celebration with the Traditional Cayuga Nation.

The Aurora area was once the home of a thriving Cayuga (Gayogohó:nq') village known as “Chonodote.” A member of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee, the Gayogohó:nq' were well known for their lush peach orchards. What is now Aurora was often referred to as “Peachtown” by the American army.

In 1779, General Washington ordered General Sullivan to destroy the village and its 1500 peach trees.

The Gayogohó:nq' living at and near Chonodote fled for their lives, with many travelling tens or hundreds of miles to safety.

In remembrance of this horrific event on sacred ground, the United Ministry of Aurora is hosting a peach tree sale to benefit the Cayuga SHARE Farm (Strengthening Haudenosaunee-American Relations through Education). This event, with hopefully more to follow, is a symbol of our desire for peace and reconciliation between all peoples and our Mother Earth.

Sachem Sam George, Bear Clan chief of the Traditional Cayuga Nation, will speak about the Cayuga’s history and their connection with the Earth.

Music, speakers, and fry bread!!

At the event, we will have peach trees for sale, and information on how to plant them. We will also have volunteers to help you plant your tree at your home, or you may donate the tree to the SHARE Farm. A \$45 donation for a tree and \$10 donation for planting is suggested, proceeds to benefit the SHARE Farm.

Thursday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.: “What is Ramadan? A Conversation about Islam”

Islam is one of the three “Religions of the Book,” sharing a common scripture with Judaism and Christianity, and yet, Islam is often the most misunderstood. This month Muslims are observing Ramadan, the days between the new moons when they refrain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sundown in solidarity with those who lack adequate food and water and as a reminder of God’s call to give from our blessings.

Please join the UMA in welcoming Aala AL-Hashimi, Wells 2019 graduate, to talk about this pillar of her religion and the importance of it for all Muslims. Aala is from Afghanistan and now lives in Ithaca.

We will meet in person in the UMA Social Hall and you can also join us via ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935551562?pwd=VFF6V0NXNktWbFISL2liZVpKRdVMdz09>.

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.: A Conversation with Liberian Students Emmanuel and Patience

Last fall, many people heard about the difficult situation that Liberian Wells College students Emmanuel Chea and Patience Koenig found themselves in after the funding that sent them from Liberia to Wells College ran dry due to COVID. They were in their final semesters at Wells and owed a combined \$80,000 to finish their education. With an incredible spirit of generosity, the community, including people in Ithaca, raised enough money to pay their tuition.

Patience and Emmanuel will talk about the situation in Liberia, their experiences in the US and what they plan to do with their education. We will meet in person in the UMA Social Room and you can also join us via ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86955513780?pwd=MFQrbzRBZVcwRzJlGdGh4ckR6bW9Hdz09>.

For more information and future events, visit our website <https://unitedministryofaurora.org> and [Facebook page](#). All events and presentations will be on our [Youtube page](#).

UMA Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. - outdoors when weather permits. Everyone is welcome to join us!!!

New Management at the Wells College Golf Course

Kevin Fitzgerald and Brian Dugan are the new locals running the Wells College Golf Course! The golf course is open now and the Clubhouse will open soon with a light tavern menu.

More information in next month's Hub!



Aurora-Based Tai Chi Group Welcomes New Members

A small group has been safely practicing Tai Chi in Aurora since the pandemic began. This form of exercise is both calming and stimulating, for both mind and body. We meet outdoors and our practice times can be tailored to your schedule. Anyone interested in joining us is invited to email rebeccaruggles@gmail.com or call/text 410-903-9498.



Welcome, Friend!

This is a new feature we will run occasionally to introduce newcomers to our community. Please feel free to submit pictures and a short write-up (2-3 sentences) for publication in an upcoming issue. Thanks, Kay Burkett, for the suggestion!

Matt Bianconi and Alexis Boyce welcomed Giddy to their home this past January, after the passing of their beloved Clementine the preceding summer. Giddy is a six-month-old mutt and came up from Georgia via [Ruff Dog Rescue North East](#). She is a rascal, but very snuggly.



VILLAGE OF AURORA

Designation of April 22, 2021 as D. Joy Humes Day in the Village of Aurora On Occasion of Her 100th Birthday

- In recognition of Joy Humes' dedicated service to the Village of Aurora and its residents during her terms as Mayor 1990 to 1998;
- In recognition of her service to her country in the United States Navy;
- In recognition of her dedication to the education of young citizens during her tenure as Professor of History and Government at Wells College in Aurora from 1957 to 1985;
- In recognition of her contributions as good neighbor and friend to the residents of the Village for more than fifty years,

The Village Board of Trustees hereby declares Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 to be D. Joy Humes Day in the Village of Aurora.

Bonnie Apgar Bennett, Mayor

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Grace Bates
Matthew Bianconi
Thea Miller
Janet Murphy

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Summer 2021 Golf Camp for Kids!

For the sixth year, we are delighted to have Dennis Johnson directing two golf camps at King Ferry Golf Club this summer 2021. A resident of Southern Cayuga, Dennis lives in Scipio Center with his wife Erin and two children. He has been a physical education teacher and coach for 22 years working with kids from kindergarten through 12th grade. He has extensive experience coaching boys and girls in a variety of sports including golf, having started a high school program from the ground up and competing at the sectional and state level. He brings a wealth of experience to KFGC!

Two sessions will be offered:

Session 1: ~~July 5—8 (Monday—Thursday)~~ FULL

Session 2: July 12-15 (Monday – Thursday)

- There will be a maximum of 12 campers per session.
- Differentiated instruction is provided allowing for a range in age from a minimum of 8 years to high school.
- The four-day schedule runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Cost for each session is \$150.00 per camper.
- Pre-Registration is required.

Learn how to play!

- Activities in the camp will include: swing instruction, ball striking, short game, club selection, rules, tactics, strategies, use of driving range and putting greens, games, contests, etiquette, playing the course, and more!

To find out more information visit www.kingferrygolfclub.com or contact Dennis Johnson at 518-929-1963 or djj717@yahoo.com for a brochure. KFGC will adhere to NY State Health and CDC Guidelines.

Ladies League at King Ferry Golf Club

Hello Lady Golfers!

The Ladies League at KFGC is looking forward to playing golf this Spring and enjoying life more. The goal of this League is to play 9 holes of golf, with old and new friends, and simply enjoy the experience. All players are welcome at any level every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., May 11 through August 4. Players come from all over the region including Ithaca, Rochester, and Southern Cayuga.

We have a real mix of golfers—both new players and experienced—but the beauty of the League is that you can have fun playing no matter your skill level. It is not a high stress outing for anyone. You don't have to sign up for the entire season—but just let Linn Avery, the coordinator of the League, know if you are coming each week so she can set up foursomes.

The group is very welcoming and if you are unsure—come and give it a try. Bring a friend. We would love to have you join the League! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linn Avery at lindaa112147@gmail.com or 315-730-4127.

Commencement and Other End-of-Semester Celebrations at Wells College

THE HUB 8

Wells College will hold its 153rd Commencement on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at Macmillan Hall. As of mid-March 2021, Wells is planning for an in-person ceremony only for the graduating seniors. At this time, we do not anticipate that we will be able to accommodate any family members or other guests; we are also making contingency plans for a virtual ceremony in the event that New York State issues additional COVID-19 restrictions.

Katie Fong '06 has been selected as the 2021 Commencement keynote speaker. A familiar face to many on campus, Katie graduated from Wells with a major in women's studies and minor in history, and went on to build a career as an executive search consultant. In 2016, she decided to refocus her career on guiding organizations toward healthier, more equitable culture and practices, and in doing so obtained a master's degree in organizational change management last year. She has served as an alumna trustee on the College's board for the past six years, and was also instrumental in guiding the creation of the new strategic plan over the past year. Katie will be joined by a speaker from the class of 2021 who will be selected by late April. The ceremony will be streamed live. More information can be found at <https://www.wells.edu/about/commencement>.

Despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we are planning to hold the usual stagecoach rides.

The annual Athletics Awards ceremony will also be streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) so that student-athletes, families, and friends can watch. It takes place on the evening of Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. Wells will also have an Honors Convocation ceremony on Wednesday, May 5, also at 7:00 p.m. (<https://www.wells.edu/events/honors-convocation-2021>).



Submitted by Linda Dugan

“April bird sightings around the lake and Montezuma.”



EVENTS



April 30—May 6

Join us for a virtual viewing of Syracuse Stage's performance of *Citizen James, Or The Young Man Without A Country*, a one-man performance on the life of James Baldwin. The performance recording will be available to view from April 30th - May 6th.

Fill out the [form here](#) to receive the link.



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Virtual Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, May 5
7:15 p.m.

The Southern Cayuga Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month on Zoom. New members are always welcome. Contact aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com or librarian@hazardlibrary.org for the link. For a full list of titles to be read this year check here: <https://aurorafreelibrary.org/southern-cayuga-book-club>.

This month's book is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Next month's book will be *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende on June 2.



The Aurora Free Library
is hosting its annual spring
PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 8
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
at the Aurora Free Library
370 Main Street
Annuals and Perennials For Your Garden.
Donated by
Cayuga Landscape Co., Local Residents,
and Aurora Gardens
*The library very gratefully welcomes donations of plants.
Donations may be dropped off at the library or you can call
(847) 946-5923 and we will come and pick up your plant
donations.*

Wells College Learning by the Lake

Wednesday, May 12
7:30 p.m.

Join us for the presentation, “A House, Three Trees, and a Donkey: What the WCA Does for Wells and You,” by WCA Chair Deb Callahan ’85 and Fran Trubilla Kissell ’78. We don’t know about you, but we are so intrigued by that title and Fran won’t tell us why it’s called that! [Register here.](#)



The Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival

Saturday, May 15
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Be sure to tell the teens in your life that The Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival is **virtual** this year! [REGISTER for FREE and find out more.](#)

There are over 30 authors who will be speaking this year including Ally Carter, Bruce Coville, Ellen Hopkins, Shaun David Hutchinson, Karen McManus, Kate Milford, James Ponti, and Andrew Smith, to name a few. There will also be teen authors, a Teen Film Festival, and writing workshops! Not familiar with the authors? Your local libraries have books for you to borrow. It is a fantastic opportunity—be sure to register soon!

Women’s Suffrage Celebratory March & Tea Party

Saturday, May 15 (RSVP required by May 5)
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Howland Farm Museum

You're invited to the second annual March & Tea Party to celebrate women gaining the right to vote! Last year's Centennial Celebration was so enjoyable, it's going to happen every year!

Arrive a bit early to park. We start the one mile march / walk to the Sherwood Equal Rights Historic District at 2:05 p.m. There, we will be educated and entertained at the Howland Stone Store Museum with readings about suffragist Emily Howland.

Following the self-guided tour of Opendore, we will march / walk one mile back to Howland Farm Museum to enjoy 4:00 p.m. tea. Bring your daughters and granddaughters! This is a great opportunity to get young ladies interested in the importance of their vote!

This event is FREE but RSVP is required by Wednesday, May 5 for the tea portion in order to have enough tables, chairs and teacups!

RSVP to jodibaldwin@gmail.com with your email and the names and emails of the people in your group, so that I have a running list and can send a final email concerning any food that may be served.

People are encouraged to wear shades of white, ivory, and cream like the Suffragists or purple or yellow! Or feel free to dress in any sort of period inspired clothing! Bring flags or noisemakers! Make your own sashes to wear!

Masks are required for the walk and Opendore portion, not for tea. You will be seated at a table with your group.

(If you want to participate in this event, but don't want to do the walk portion, you can either meet us at Howland Farm Museum and drive behind us walking, or just park at Opendore for our 2:25ish arrival)

Howland Farm Museum is VERY excited to be getting back to hosting events for the community this year!



Aurora Free Library Travel Tuesday Series

Tuesday, May 18
7:00 p.m.

Our next Travel Tuesday Series will be by Louise Rossmann showing us her photos of her trip to Israel.



Here is the Zoom log-in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87230765910?pwd=eWdKSCtvSHJtR1FtYXBZY29zMUNRZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 3076 5910

Passcode: 798557



Aurora Free Library Board Meeting

Thursday, May 20
5:30 p.m.

Please email aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com for the link to the Zoom meeting. All are welcome to attend remotely.



Save the Date

"Centennial + 1" and Opendore Dedication

Saturday and Sunday

August 21 & 22, 2021

1–5 PM

2978 Rt. 34B, Sherwood, NY

**Celebration of the passage of
the 19th Amendment**

Howland Stone Store Museum

howlandstonestore.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
2	3 UMA Viewing of <i>Citizen James</i> , 4 p.m.	4 Wells College Athletic Awards, 7 p.m.	5 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Wells College Honors Convocation, 7 p.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m.	6	7	8 AFL Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. UMA “New Ways of Being Church,” 10 a.m.
9 Peace Tree Celebration, 3 p.m.	10	11	12 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Learning by the Lake, 7:30 p.m.	13 “What is Ramadan?,” 5 p.m.	14	15 King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Greater Rochester Virtual Teen Book Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Women's Suffrage Celebratory March & Tea Party, 2 p.m.
16	17	18 AFL Travel Series: Israel, 7 p.m.	19 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m. A Conversation with Emmanuel and Patience, 7 p.m.	20 Aurora Free Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	21	22 Wells College Commencement, 10 a.m. Deadline for submissions to <i>The Hub</i>
23	24	25	26 Virtual Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29 Opening Day, Aurora Farmers’ Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
30	31					